

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 15 with the following:

Turning now to another preferred embodiment, Figure 2 also illustrates the agent 100 incorporating a pair of protocol translators 114 and 130. As is known, the LANs 12 to 16 and the WAN 10 may employ different message protocols as illustrated in Figure 2. By way of example, the WAN 10 could use the Internet Protocol (IP) while the LAN 12 could use the TADIL-J (Tactical Digital Information Link) or VMF (Variable Frequency Message Format) TDM protocols. Though, because of the extensive number of protocols available (including proprietary protocols), many other combinations are possible and are too extensive to list herein.

I. **Remarks**

In the specification the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 15 was replaced to correct a minor editorial problem. Since the VMF (Variable Messaging Format) is known no new matter was added.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 to 35 are allowable. As such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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